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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated October 31, 2001 in connection with the above-referenced patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

The applicants have amended claims 1, 4, 7 and 9 and have cancelled claims 2 and 3. A new claim 11 is added. A clean version of the amended claims is also enclosed for further examination.

1. (Amended) A network coupler for network users in a network [comprising at least two lines (1,2), characterized in that the network coupler is formed in such a way that it is suitable for data transfer via the two lines (1,2) of the network and for coupling out energy from the two lines (1,2) of the network to which a terminal of a voltage source is